

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-18 are presently pending in the application. Claims 18 and 19 are rejected. Claim 20 is objected to. Claim 18 has been amended. Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled herein.

Reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the aforementioned Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Applicants previously submitted a Revocation of Power of Attorney with a new Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address on September 26, 2008. Acknowledgement and acceptance of the new Power of Attorney is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Zetterstrom et al. (WO 96/00661).

The Applicants have amended claim 18 to include the limitations of allowable claim 20 and intervening claim 19. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102 rejections.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zetterstrom et al. in view of Toda (JP 6127231).

Claim 4 was previously cancelled in the response dated January 26, 2009. As such, this rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-3 and 6-17 are allowed. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter. Claim 18 has been rewritten to include the limitations of objected claim 20 and intervening claim 19.

CONCLUSION

All of the grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding office action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1222. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 20, 2009

By: /Donald G. Walker/
Donald G. Walker – Reg. No. 44390
Attorneys for Applicants

Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.
P. O. Box 828
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303
Phone: 248/641-1600
Facsimile: 248/641-0270
14836035.1